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LETTER XIX. *from the* National Merchant.

Now, Sir, proceed to take Notice of ſome Objections that poſſibly may ariſe on reading theſe Letters.

THE firſt is, *That our Colonies drain us of our People, depopulate this Kingdom, and prove prejudicial to it.* To which I anſwer, That Reaſon, Political Arithmetick, and paſt Experience all abundantly evince the contrary, and that this Nation is manifeſtly enrich'd and ſtrengthened by them, as may be ſeen by the Writings of Sir *William Petty*, Mr. *Penn*, Sir *Joſiah Child*, Dr. *Davenant*, and others.

ANOTHER is, *That our Colonies may in Time grow too powerful for their Mother Kingdom, and throw off their Dependency.* To which I anſwer, I hope they may never ſee Reaſon to try the Experiment; but, if they ſhould, that *Great Britain* may never be ſo weak in Councils or Arms, as not to defeat the Attempt. 'I 'therefore (ſays a certain Gentleman) think it is very 'prepoſterous to amuſe ourſelves with vain, imaginary 'Proſpects, of what is ſcarce poſſible to come to paſs, 'and neglect doing what is abſolutely neceſſary; I 'mean the inlarging and ſupporting our Provinces.' — However, I myſelf cannot but recommend three Things to publick Care and Conſideration. The Firſt is, the Preſervation of our Sugar Trade, and fixing a Balance of Power in the *Weſt Indies*. The ſecond is, That *Great Britain* keep to herſelf, as much as poſſible, all Sorts of Trade and Navigation, and alſo the *manufacturing* and *improving* of every Commodity. And, Thirdly, That all our Colonies be diverted from interfering with her in theſe Reſpects; and that they be uſefully imployed in raiſing Materials for our Manufactories, Commodities for our Trade, and Naval Stores for our Shipping. — And if theſe Things be not ſoon regarded, ſome Evils may grow paſt Cure: If they are, it will benefit, unite, and ſtrengthen the Whole.

THIRDLY, It may be asked, upon what Grounds I aſſerted in my XVIth Letter, 'That our Sugar 'Trade has, for many Years, been upheld and carried 'on, not by the Rules of ſound Policy, Wiſdom and 'Diſcretion, but by Force and Oppreſſion, and con-'trary to all Religion and Virtue?' To which I anſwer, That the Inhabitants of *Barbados* have not been able to preſerve themſelves from Poverty and Ruin, notwithſtanding in Thirty Years paſt they have ſpent the Lives of at leaſt a Hundred thouſand Negroes on the Labour of their Eſtates; and that ſhould the whole World labour under the ſame Misfortunes as that Iſland, *an End would ſoon be put to the whole human Race:* For *Barbados* has required a Supply of One hundred thouſand Negroes every Thirty Years, and yet at the End thereof, her Number is not increaſed by the ſaid Importation, including the Births of all its Inhabitants. Strange! but true, to my certain Knowledge! — If any one ſhall ſay, that this Deſtruction is not occaſioned by hard Labour, ſtrait Uſage, and the like; — How can he anſwer that which follows? — There is the Iſland of St. *Vincent*, in the Neighbourhood of *Barbados*, which had three or four Hundred Negroes, who ſaved themſelves on it out of a Shipwreck, many Years ago: They there fix'd themſelves, fell to planting, and have ever ſince maintained their Liberties againſt the *Indians*, the *Engliſh*, and the *French*; and being of both Sexes, are now increaſed to many Thouſands, and become a powerful People, tenacious of Liberty. This we found, when his Grace the Duke of *Montagu* acquainted them of his good Intentions; and this the *French* experienced in their laſt unſucceſsful Attack made on them; when theſe Negroes killed the chief Commander in the Expedition, and many of his Men, and forc'd the reſt to abandon the Iſland with Shame and Diſgrace. O Liberty! what is Man without Thee! How invaluable are thy Bleſſings! May thy Sacred Name —

BUT, after what has been ſaid, I deſire to be rightly underſtood. — I do not charge the Cauſe of the Misfortunes of our poor Slaves on the Tempers of their Maſters, but on the Neceſſity of their Affairs, and the Impracticability of ſupporting the Sugar Trade in the Road we are in. — I compaſſionate theſe Colonies from the very Bottom of my Soul; and I write theſe Things, hoping this Nation, in its Wiſdom and Goodneſs, will take their Caſe to Heart. The venerable *Society for Propogation of the Goſpel in foreign Parts*, has two fine Eſtates on the ſaid Iſland of *Barbados*, bequeathed them by *Chriſtopher Codrington*, Eſq; for pious and charitable Uſes; — and they know, that ſuch has been the Condition of them of late Years, that they are ſtill in Debt, and that, notwithſtanding the many Slaves they have purchaſed, they have a leſs Number on them than when the Eſtates came into their Hands. — I know a great deal of this Matter. — The *Society* or their Agents, are not to be blamed, as I think. — Our Sugar Colonies muſt be raiſed at an eaſier and cheaper Rate, or greater Prices muſt be given for our Sugars; but of this latter there is no Likelihood, whilſt the *French* can ſo far underſell us in all foreign Markets. — In ſhort, let People ſay what they will, there is no other Remedy left us; and this is the Sum of the Matter, which, the ſooner we ſet about, the better we muſt look back to the Riſe of this Trade with us, and put in Practice the plain old Maxim, which ſays, *That every Thing is beſt preſerved by the ſame Principles by which it was firſt eſtabliſhed*; that is, we muſt plant more fertile and cheaper Lands, and endeavour to make Proviſions and Neceſſaries more plentiful, and Labour more eaſy; — or elſe we are ſtriving againſt Nature and Morality, too powerful Opponents to be overcome! — And theſe Things require the Care and Aſſiſtance of the legiſlative Power of *Great Britain*, — without which the Sugar Trade is gone, and the *Weſt Indies* are loſt.

I am, SIR, your's, &c.

The National Merchant.

P. S. I know our old Planters on well built Eſtates, will be unwilling to grant what I have ſaid; — but it is true: And tho' the Value of their Eſtates will be leſs, yet, on a proper Enquiry into, and a Regulation of this great Concern, the Legiſlature may, and, to be ſure, will make them ample Amends. And I ſay again, nothing can preſerve to us the *Sugar Trade* and our Settlements in the *Weſt Indies*, but going to the very Bottom of Things; our Wounds are otherwiſe incurable, and every leſs Remedy is deceitful.

An Epigram in the laſt Craftſman *but one, gave Occaſion to the two following.*

I.

SPENCER employ'd the Pow'r of Song
Lord *Burleigh*'s ſhining Worth to wrong;
And *Swift*, with far more pow'rful Proſe,
Made Half the Nation *Churchill*'s Foes.
But A—H — RST, bleſt with either Gift,
Slights *Spencer*'s Fame, and ſpurns at *Swift*,
And over *W*——*le* triumphs greater
In *Bunyan*'s Proſe and *Sternhold*'s Metre.

II.

CECIL was bleſt with *Cambdin*'s Praiſe,
And *Montagu* was crown'd with Bays.
In Verſe, or Proſe, each great Man's Name
Hath ſtill been ſanctify'd to Fame.
But *W*——*le* greater Glory owes
To *Amb*———*rſt*, *Foreman*, *Str*——*tt*, his Foes,
Whoſe *Morals* give him Praiſe, in ſpite
Of all the *Libels* they can write.

LONDON.

Yeſterday arrived a Mail from Flanders.

They write from Rome, that ſeveral of the old Cardinals ſeem diſguſted, that Affairs of the greateſt Importance are determined by the ſole Advice of Cardinal Corſini the Pope's Nephew, Cardinal Firau his Secretary of State, and ſome other Cardinals, whom they accuſe of having precipitated ſeveral Affairs through their Suggeſtions to the Pope.

The Duke of Guaſtalla has lately wrote a Letter to the King of Great Britain, and another to the States General, to engage them to intercede for him with the Imperial Court, that he may have Juſtice done him with regard to his Pretenſions to ſeveral Lordſhips in the Mantuan, as being the only Branch of the Family of Gonzague.

Letters from Naples ſay, that when the Prince Ottajano had the Sentence of his Baniſhment read to him, he endeavoured to make Remonſtrances againſt it, and preſented Petitions; but he was not heard, and all the Anſwer he had, was, *That he had been borne with long enough, and that now he muſt be gone.* He thought that he ſhould at leaſt have the Liberty of retiring to Florence; but he was obliged to ſteer his Courſe to Palermo in Sicily, where the Marquis de Gracia-Real is to tell him the Reaſon of his Diſgrace, and to give him freſh Orders. About the ſame Time the Neapolitan Court ſent a Compliment of the like kind to the Princeſs Belmonte, who was order'd to retire to her Country Seat: And the ſame Evening the Prieſt who was left at Naples to take Care of the Equipage of the Imperial Velt Marſhal Prince Caraffa, was arreſted and committed to the Caſtle of St. Elmo. Next Day alſo the Count de Thurn, a Hoſtage for the German Gariſon of Capua, received Orders to chuſe ſome Fort in the room of the Quarters he had at Naples; upon which he thought that Capua would ſuit him better than any other, he went thither immediately. What will be the Fate of the other Imperial Officers in that Kingdom, is not yet known. Mean time the Marquis d'Arena, tho' he went with the Infante to Sicily, and was with him all that Voyage at his own Expence, is ſuſpended from the Juriſdiction of his Fiefs for the Space of two Years; and all the Revenues of Foreigners are ſequeſtered; but theſe Perſecutions have a quite contrary Effect to what the Spaniards expected; for both the Nobility and Commonalty are but the more inclin'd for the Emperor, and ſuch Acclamations are made in the Night-time in the Streets, and Publick Houſes, *of Long Live his Imperial Majeſty*, as give the Spaniards great Uneaſineſs.

They write from the Hague, that the French there not only acknowledge Auguſtus III. for King, but alſo drink his Health, in Imitation of the Marquis de Fenelon, who ſet them an Example, by doing the like upon the Eve of Twelfth-day, when he ſupped with the General des Broſſes.

On the 28th of December laſt, between two and three in the Morning, a violent Attempt was made to break open the Diſſenters Meeting-Houſe at South-Shields in Northumberland, by certain Perſons unknown, who did great Damage to it, by breaking the Windows, untiling the Roof, and pulling down the Gates. A Reward of 5 Guineas is offered for the Diſcovery of any one Perſon concerned, upon Conviction.

Some time before this, certain Perſons broke into the Church of Newtoun Limavaddy, in the County of Londonderry in Ireland, where they opened the Cheſt, took out Ten Shillings One Penny Half-penny, with the Regiſtry Books of the ſaid Pariſh, and committed ſundry Indecencies in the Church. The Lord Lieutenant promiſes his Majeſty's Pardon to any one of the Perſons that ſhall diſcover his Accomplices, ſo they be apprehended and convicted; and the Rector of the Pariſh offers 10 l. Reward,

Four Men and a Boy being lately found dead upon Loughan Shore in the County of Antrim, with a Boat at ſome little Diſtance from them, wherein, 'tis ſuppoſed, they came from their Ship, which had founder'd on that Coaſt in a Storm; and it being ſuſpected, by ſeveral Wounds and Cuts in their Foreheads, by their being ſtripped naked, and by other Circumſtances appearing to the Coroner's Inqueſt that they were murdered after they came aſhore, the Earl of Antrim has offered 50 l. Reward for Diſcovery of any of the Murderers, upon Conviction.

Yeſterday their Majeſties, his Royal Highneſs the Prince of Wales, and the two eldeſt Princeſſes, went to the Royal Chapel at St. James's, and heard a Sermon preach'd by the Rev. Dr. Hayter; and the Right Hon. the Earl of Egmont carried the Sword of State before his Majeſty.

The ſame Day the Rev. Dr. Stebbing preach'd before his Royal Highneſs the Duke of Cumberland, and the

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two youngeſt Princeſſes, in his Highneſs's Apartment at St. James's.

On Saturday in the Afternoon the Right Honourable Horatio Walpole, Eſq; his Majeſty's Ambaſſador to the States General, arrived with his Lady and Family, at his Houſe at Whitehall, from the Hague; and at Six o'Clock his Excellency waited on his Majeſty at St. James's, and met with a moſt gracious Reception.

On Friday Night the Corpſe of Mrs. St. Quintin, Relict of the late Mr. St. Quintin, a noted and wealthy Merchant of this City, and a near Relation to Sir William St. Quintin, Bart. was carried from her Houſe in Great Ruſſel Street, and interred in great Pomp in St. Mary's Church at Aldermanbury: She has, amongſt ſeveral conſiderable Legacies, left 500 l. to Chriſt's Hoſpital, and 500 l. to that of Bridewell.

Yeſterday the Right Hon. the Earl of Middleſex, and the Hon. the Lord John Sackvill, both Sons to his Grace the Duke of Dorſet, Lord Lieutenant of Ireland, arrived in Town from that Kingdom, and in the Evening they waited on his Majeſty at St. James's, and met with a moſt gracious Reception.

We hear from Debden near Saffron Walden in Eſſex, that a Gang of Smugglers have been diſcovered in the adjacent Villages; and that, on the Firſt Inſtant, ſome Cuſtom-houſe Officers, aſſiſted by a Party of Dragoons, made a large Seizure of Tea and other run Goods.

Laſt Night the Corpſe of Mrs. Blakiſton, who died on Tueſday laſt at her Houſe at Cheapſide Conduit, was interred in great funeral Pomp and Solemnity, in St. Leonard's Church in Foſter-lane. She was one of the moſt conſiderable Dealers in Silk, by Retail, of any in London.

Yeſterday their Graces the Duke and Dutcheſs of Portland came from their Seat at Bolſtrode in the County of Berks, to their Houſe in the Privy Garden, Whitehall.

To-Morrow will be held a General Council at St. James's.

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